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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The following Remarks are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action that issued in the subject application on December 12, 2000 (the "December 12 Office Action"). It is believed that no fees are required to ensure entry and consideration of these Response. However, if any fees are required with the filing of this Response, Applicants respectfully request that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

Before discussing substantive issues, Applicant would like to thank Examiner W. Luther and Examiner W. Chin for the in-office interview with Applicant's attorney Floyd Chapman on February 9, 2001, which interview served to clarify some of the statements in the Office Action dated December 12, 2000.